

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR DIVIDING A WEB
OF WRAPPING MATERIAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A continuous web of cigarette paper or other wrap-
2 ping material, particularly for smokers' products, is split
3 by a pair of rotary knives into two strips which are fed
4 to discrete strip processing units, such as wrapping units
5 for rod-like tobacco fillers. If the width of the web
6 and/or of one strip or both strips departs from a predeter-
7 mined width, the web is shifted sideways and/or at least
8 one of the strips is moved relative to the other strip to
9 at least partially compensate for departures of monitored
10 width from the predetermined width. This can be
11 accomplished by changing the orientation of a a frame for
12 rollers which flank the web and/or by changing the level
13 or levels of one or more rolls which advance the web by
14 way of the strips.